States	8th Plan (1992—97) Earmarked
Union Territories:	
26. A&N Island	..
27. Chandigarh	2.00
28. D&N Haveli	1.90
29. Daman & Diu	6.80
30. Delhi	..
31. Lakshdweep	..
32. Pondicherry	..
TOTAL (UTs)	4.70

Rural employment scheme

4001. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently chalked out any rural employment scheme which provides more opportunities for the population of rural areas;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) to (c) to provide more employment opportunities to the population in the rural areas, the Government of India has implemented two major employment schemes viz. (i) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), and (ii) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY). IRDP aims to provide self-employment opportunities for families living below poverty line in the rural areas. Under the schemes, assistance in the form of subsidy by the Gvernment and term credit by Financial Institutions are provided to the beneficiaries for purchase of productive assets. With the help of these assets, a wide ranging income generating activities can be taken up by the beneficiaries in various sectors of the economy.

Similarly, JRY is a major wage employment programme, the primary objective of which is to provide wage employment to the rural poor. Under the scheme people living below the poverty line are the target group & preference is given to SC/ST/Freed bonded labourers & 30 per cent opportunities are earmarked for the women. Besides this scheme, from 1993-94 two more important wage employment programmes, viz. Intensified JRY in 120 backward Districts of the country and Employment Assurance Scheme in more than 2000 backward & tribal blocks of the country are under implementation. Thus, Government is taking all possible steps for providing employment opportunities to the population in the rural areas.